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David Waddell, Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
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Re: *Petition by ITC^DeltaCom Communications, Inc. for Arbitration of Certain Unresolved Issues in Interconnection Agreement Negotiations Between ITC^DeltaCom and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.*
Docket No. 99-00430

Dear Mr. Waddell:

This is in response to your letter of May 11 regarding Paragraph 8.2.1., on page 19 of attachment 2 to the interconnection agreement negotiated by BellSouth and ITC^DeltaCom. BellSouth did not receive your letter until after the Authority Conference on May 15. In accordance with the decision of the majority of the Directors on May 15, BellSouth will provide either responsive contract language or a best and final proposal by Tuesday, May 22. BellSouth anticipates that its May 22 response will address the questions set forth in your letter.

Very truly yours,

Guy M. Hicks

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cc: Don Baltimore, Esquire

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

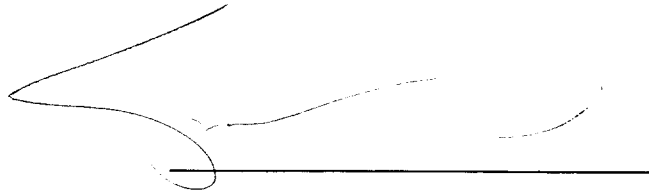
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